(d) Does not arise.

Technology Transfer From U.S.

3609. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the leading United States firms are unhappy over the technology tightfistedness of their bureaucracy controlling technological exports from USA to India and

(b) if so, what action Government are taking to overcome this problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government have received no formal representations from US firms to this effect;

(b) Officials of the two Governments periodically review the arrangements for transfer of technology with a view to facilitating such exchanges and streamlining procedures.

Cancellation of orders for bofors guns

3610. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to cancel further orders of 155 mm guns from M/s. Bofors;

(b) whether the Indian agency, State Trading Corporation (STC), has intimated to M|s Bofors to this effect;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what would be the loss to STC if the contract to cancel further orders of 155 mm guns from M|s. Bofors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Proposed Ventures for Indo-US Collaboration

3611. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 70 new projects have been proposed for joint collaboration between the United States and India, following the ninth meeting of the Indo-US Sub-Commission on Science & Technology; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The Indo-US Sub-Commission on Science & Technology has recommended a number of topics in areas of health medicines and life sciences, physical and material sciences, energy, atmospheric and marine sciences environment and ecology, earth sciences and information science and technology in which the concerned scientists would submit proposals for necessary action.

Bangladesh claims over islands in the Bay of Bengal

3612. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh have claimed sovereignty over some of the Indian Islands in the Bay of Bengal sometime back;

(b) if so, the names and the number of such Islands over which Bangladesh have claimed their sovereignty; and